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Species	Area ¹	ABC	TAC	Initial TAC	Overfishing
Pollock²					
Shumagin	(610)	32,340	32,340		
Chirikof	(620)	13,372	13,372		
Kodiak	(630)	24,501	24,501		
Shelikof		20,987	20,987		
WYK	(640)	<u>2,340</u>	<u>2,340</u>		
Subtotal	W/C/WYK	93,540	93,540		130,760
SEO	(650)	<u>6,460</u>	<u>6,460</u>		<u>8,610</u>
Total		100,000	100,000		139,370
Pacific cod³					
	W	27,500	20,625	16,500	
	C	43,550	34,080	27,264	
	E	<u>5,350</u>	<u>4,010</u>	<u>3,208</u>	
Total		76,400	58,715	46,972	102,000
Flatfish⁴					
(deep-water)	W	280	280		
	C	2,710	2,710		
	WYK	1,240	1,240		
	SEO	<u>1,070</u>	<u>1,070</u>		
Total		5,300	5,300		6,980
Rex sole⁴					
	W	1,230	1,230		
	C	5,660	5,660		
	WYK	1,540	1,540		
	SEO	<u>1,010</u>	<u>1,010</u>		
Total		9,440	9,440		12,300
Flathead sole					
	W	8,490	2,000		
	C	15,720	5,000		
	WYK	1,440	1,440		
	SEO	<u>620</u>	<u>620</u>		
Total		26,270	9,060		34,210
Flatfish⁵					
(shallow-water)	W	19,510	4,500		
	C	16,400	12,950		
	WYK	790	790		
	SEO	<u>1,160</u>	<u>1,160</u>		
Total		37,860	19,400		45,330

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Arrowtooth flounder	W	16,160	5,000		
	C	97,710	25,000		
	WYK	23,770	2,500		
	SEO	<u>7,720</u>	<u>2,500</u>		
Total		145,360	35,000		173,910
Sablefish ⁶	W	1,840	1,840		
	C	5,730	5,730		
	WYK	2,207	2,207		
	SEO	<u>3,553</u>	<u>3,553</u>		
Subtotal	E	5,760	5,760		
Total		13,330	13,330		16,660
Pacific ⁷ ocean perch	W	1,240	1,240	1,460	
	C	9,240	9,240		10,930
	WYK	840	840		
	SEO	<u>1,700</u>	<u>1,700</u>		
Subtotal	E				3,000
Total		13,020	13,020		15,390
Shortraker/rougheye ⁸	W	210	210		
	C	930	930		
	E	<u>590</u>	<u>590</u>		
Total		1,730	1,730		2,510
Other rockfish ^{9,10}	W	20	20		
	C	740	740		
	WYK	250	250		
	SEO	<u>3,890</u>	<u>3,890</u>		
Total		4,900	4,900		6,390
Northern Rockfish ^{10,12}	W	630	630		
	C	4,490	4,490		
	E	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>		
Total		5,120	5,120		7,510
Pelagic shelf rockfish ¹³	W	550	550		
	C	4,080	4,080		
	WYK	580	580		
	SEO	<u>770</u>	<u>770</u>		
Total		5,980	5,980		9,040
Thornyhead rockfish	W	430	430		
	C	990	990		
	E	<u>940</u>	<u>940</u>		
Total		2,360	2,360		2,820

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Demersal shelf rockfish ¹¹	SEO	340	340		420
Atka mackerel	GW	600	600		6,200
Other ¹⁴ species	GW	N/A ¹⁵	14,215	N/A	
TOTAL GOA¹⁶			448,010	298,510	581,040

NOTES TO TABLE 1:

C - Central Regulatory Area of the GOA
 E - Eastern Shelikof Strait of the GOA
 GW - Gulf-Wide
 SEO - Southeast Outside District of the GOA
 W - Western Regulatory Area of the GOA
 W/C/WYK - Western Regulatory Area /Central Regulatory Area/West Yakutat District of the GOA;
 WYK - West Yakutat District of the GOA

- Regulatory areas and districts** are defined at § 679.2 [and in Figures 1 and 3 to 50 CFR 679]
- Under the emergency interim rule (65 FR 3892, January 25, 2000) **pollock** is apportioned in the Western/Central Regulatory areas to the Shelikof Strait conservation area (defined at §679.22(b)(3)(iii)(B)) in the A and B seasons only .

 In accordance with §679.22(b)(3)(iii)(C) the pollock TAC in the Shelikof Strait is determined by calculating a ratio equal to the most recent estimate of pollock biomass in the Shelikof Strait divided by the total pollock biomass in the GOA. This ratio is multiplied by the amount of the combined Western and Central GOA TAC available in the A and B seasons.

 The remainder of the combined Western and Central GOA TAC in the **A and B seasons** is then apportioned to areas 610, 620, 630 outside the Shelikof Strait based on the distribution of pollock outside the Shelikof Strait, which is 56 percent, 4 percent, and 40 percent respectively.

 During the **C and D seasons** pollock is apportioned based on the relative distribution of pollock biomass at 42 percent, 25 percent, and 33 percent in Regulatory Areas 610, 620, and 630 respectively. These seasonal apportionments are shown in Tables 3 and 4.

 In the Eastern Regulatory Area, pollock is not divided into seasonal allowances.

NOTES TO TABLE 1 (continued)

3. **Pacific cod** is allocated 90 percent for processing by the inshore component and 10 percent for processing by the offshore component. Component allocations of the initial TACs are shown in Table 5.
4. **"Deep water flatfish"** means Dover sole, Greenland turbot, and deepsea sole.
5. **"Shallow water flatfish"** means flatfish not including "deep water flatfish," flathead sole, rex sole, or arrowtooth flounder.
6. **Sablefish** is allocated to trawl and hook-and-line gears (Table 2).
7. **"Pacific ocean perch"** means *Sebastes alutus*.
8. **"Shortraker/rougheye rockfish"** means *Sebastes borealis* (shortraker) and *S. aleutianus* (rougheye).
9. **"Other rockfish"** in the Western and Central Regulatory Areas and in the West Yakutat District means slope rockfish and demersal shelf rockfish.

The category **"other rockfish"** in the Southeast Outside District means Slope rockfish.
10. **"Slope rockfish"** means *Sebastes aurora* (aurora), *S. melanostomus* (blackgill), *S. paucispinis* (bocaccio), *S. goodei* (chilipepper), *S. crameri* (darkblotch), *S. elongatus* (greenstriped), *S. variegatus* (harlequin), *S. wilsoni* (pygmy), *S. babcocki* (redbanded), *S. proriger* (redstripe), *S. zacentrus* (sharpchin), *S. jordani* (shortbelly), *S. brevispinis* (silvergrey), *S. diploproa* (splitnose), *S. saxicola* (stripetail), *S. miniatus* (vermilion), and *S. reedi* (yellowmouth).

In the Eastern GOA only, **"slope rockfish"** also includes northern rockfish, *S. polyspinus*.
11. **"Demersal shelf rockfish"** means *Sebastes pinniger* (canary), *S. nebulosus* (china), *S. caurinus* (copper), *S. maliger* (quillback), *S. helvomaculatus* (rosethorn), *S. nigrocinctus* (tiger), and *S. ruberrimus* (yelloweye).
12. **"Northern rockfish"** means *Sebastes polyspinis*.
13. **"Pelagic shelf rockfish"** means *Sebastes ciliatus* (dusky), *S. entomelas* (widow), and *S. flavidus* (yellowtail).
14. **"Other species"** means sculpins, sharks, skates, squid, and octopus. The TAC for "other species" equals 5 percent of the TACs of target species.
15. **N/A** means not applicable.
16. The **total ABC** is the sum of the ABCs for target species.